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SUBJ: JAPANESE RESPONSE TO GISCARD INITIATIVE FOR CONSUMER-
PRODUCER MEETING

1. FOREIGN OFFICE (DEPUTY MINISTER TSURUMI) GAVE

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FRENCH AMBASSADOR TEXT REPORTED PARA 2 BELOW AT

4:00 PM NOVEMBER 14. AT 5:00 PM ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
DG MIYAZAKI GAVE COPY TO E/C MIN, ADDING TEXT WILL
BE PUBLICLY RELEASED BY ACTING FONMIN OHIRA BEFORE
BEFORE NOON NOVEMBER 15. MIYAZAKI SAID HE HAD BEEN
ASKED TO REITERATE POINT HE HAD MADE TO ASSISTANT
SECRETARIES ENDERS AND COOPER DURING THEIR VISIT TO
TOKYO LAST WEEK, NAMELY THAT JAPAN IS WORRIED THAT
A REBUFF TO THE GISCARD INITIATIVE WILL PROVOKE
FRANCE INTO GOING ITS OWN WAY. GOJ CONSIDERS THIS
WOULD BE BAD FOR EVERYONE AND THEREFORE EARNESTLY
HOPES US WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO FIND SOME WAY TO
REACH AN ACCOMMODATION (OR "COMPROMISE") WITH FRANCE
ON PROCEDURAL HANDLING OF THE GISCARD INITIATIVE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: ON THE FRENCH PROPOSAL. ON DECEMBER 26,
1973 THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IN THE STATEMENT OF THE
CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR
ESTABLISHING HARMONIOUS RELATIONS BETWEEN OIL-CONSUMING
AND OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES TO BRING ABOUT A FUNDAMENTAL
SOLUTION OF THE OIL QUESTION AND HAS SINCE THEN, ON
EVERY AVAILABLE OCCASION INCLUDING THE WASHINGTON
ENERGY CONFERENCE HELD LAST FEBRUARY, UNDERLINED THE
NEED FOR THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE REALIZATION OF A FORUM
FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE OIL-PRODUCING
COUNTRIES.
ACCORDINGLY, THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WELCOMES AS
CONSTRUCTIVE AND MEANINGFUL THE PROPOSALS MADE RECENTLY
BY SEVERAL OIL-PRODUCING AS WELL AS INDUSTRIALIZED
CONSUMING COUNTRIES TO HOLD A MEETING AMONG THE
COUNTRIES PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED, AS SUCH A DIALOGUE
WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO SOLUTIONS OF THE OIL QUESTION AND
RELATED PROBLEMS THROUGH THE COOPERATION OF THESE
COUNTRIES WITH THE VIEW TO ACHIEVING A BALANCED GROWTH
OF THE WORLD ECONOMY.
THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT CAN THUS STATE ITS SUPPORT,
IN PRINCIPLE, TO THE GENERAL AIMS OF THE PROPOSAL
RECENTLY MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE WHICH IS
VIEWED AS BEING BASICALLY SIMILAR WITH THE
FUNDAMENTAL JAPANESE POSITION AS OUTLINED ABOVE.
IN THE VIEW OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT, IT IS
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DESIRABLE THAT ADEQUATE PREPARATIONS AS WELL AS
EFFORTS TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE CONDUCTIVE TO A
CONSTRUCTIVE AND FRUITFUL DIALOGUE WITH THE OIL-
PRODUCING NATIONS ARE MADE IN CONCERT WITH THE OTHER
NATIONS CONCERNED. THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT, CONSCIOUS
OF ITS POSITION AND ROLE AS A MAJOR OIL-CONSUMING
NATION, WOULD BE PREPARED TO MAKE FURTHER INTENSIFIED
EFFORTS IN THIS DIRECTION. END TEXT.

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